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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bridgeview Fire Chief Terrence Lipinski, who has served the community as Fire Chief for eleven years, marked thirty years with the Bridgeview Fire Department on October 4, 2006; an American flag was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. in honor of his thirty years of service in the fire department; and

WHEREAS, He recently announced his plan to retire; during Lipinski's years as chief, the department has earned a good reputation within the State fire community, specifically for its sprinkler rules; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Lipinski served on the incident command teams for the response effort after the tornado in Utica in 2004 and Hurricane Katrina; he spent about 26 hours in Utica and two weeks in Louisiana after the hurricane; and

WHEREAS, He served ten years on the Executive Board for the Illinois Fire Chief's Association; he was President of the Bridgeview ETSB Board for eleven years; he is a member of the Region 7 EMS Advisory Board and a member of the Christ Advocate EMS Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, He is a member of the Moraine Valley Community College Fire Education Advisory Board; he is the Treasurer for the Illinois Fire Chief's Association PAC; he has served as President and Vice-President of MABAS Division 21 Chief's Board; he was a Trustee for the Bridgeview Fireman's Pension Fund for twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lipinski was appointed to the Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee for the International Association of Fire Chief's as a Technical Expert to assist the State of Texas in developing a statewide Mutual Aid System; and

1           WHEREAS, He is an Administrator and an Instructor for the  
2 MABAS Dispatching Training; he was the Area Commander of the  
3 Illinois MABAS forces outside of New Orleans; and he was  
4 appointed a Lead Coordinator for the May 2006 Statewide  
5 exercise and deployment; and

6           WHEREAS, Terrence Lipinski is a member of the International  
7 Association of Fire Chiefs, National Fire Protection  
8 Association, Great Lakes Fire Chiefs Association, Illinois  
9 Fire Chiefs Association, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association,  
10 Cook County Fire Chiefs Association, Illinois Fire Inspectors  
11 Association, Illinois Professional Firefighters Association,  
12 Illinois Firefighters Association, and the Mutual Aid Box Alarm  
13 System (MABAS); and

14           WHEREAS, After retiring, Mr. Lipinski plans to spend time  
15 in Phoenix, Arizona, before re-joining the work force; he may  
16 work as a consultant in Bridgeview, reviewing the village's  
17 response to disaster situations with the Mutual Aid Box Alarm  
18 System; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we congratulate Terrence Lipinski on his retirement and honor  
22 him for his years of service and dedication to the people of  
23 his community; and be it further

24           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
25 presented to Terrence Lipinski.